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Budget Outlook

NEXT Wednesday is Budget Day, and the community is beginning to wonder what the Financial Secretary has in store. It would be unwise to expect more light than shade in his estimates for the coming financial year.

Certain uncomfortable facts were disclosed last March by Government. One was that the Colony's revenue potential had just about reached maximum point; the other that expenditure on public works and other projects must continue to increase if the Colony is to progress with the times.

From that was logically deduced the eventualities of annual deficits unless measures were introduced to increase revenue. Hence the warning of more taxation.

Two things may be assumed about the next financial year. One, that short of imposing new taxation burdens, the Treasury cannot expect a revenue intake much in excess of the year now ending; two, that expenditure will be considerably higher than in the current year. In other words, based on the Financial Secretary's observations of last March, he will have to budget next year for a deficit.

A BUDGET deficit, estimated or actual, is a new experience for Hongkong, but if it transpires, there is no need for it to generate panic. But it could, and should, stimulate a more realistic appreciation of the fact that, as with the lady in Christopher Fry's play, money "is not for burning."

Likewise, if it is sincerely hoped, if the Financial Secretary finds himself confronted with a "wrong-sided" Budget, he will not automatically persuade himself that the position demands more taxation.

For the current financial year, Mr. Clarke estimated a nominal surplus of \$114 million. Final figures should show it to be very much more substantial. Wherefore any such unexpected (?) surplus should be considered at least as a part offset to any deficit which might be forecast for 1955-56.

Before Government succumbs to the temptation of raising taxation rates and imposts, there exists two joint means of bringing ordinary revenue and expenditure closer together. They are careful pruning and the judicious use of accumulated surplus funds.

THE community is avaricious in its demands for more education, more social and welfare services, more medical and health facilities, but as it happens, when it comes to trying to finance an expansion programme from taxation, only a relatively small proportion of the community pay their part. The dangerous tendency is to create a welfare state without being able to call on all the beneficiaries to make some sort of contribution towards its cost.

None will deny the difficult dilemma which besets Government. Ever since the war it has followed a bold policy of endeavouring to meet the constant challenge of providing the Colony with improved amenities. It is a costly business, and maybe not only in Hongkong reaching the ultimate in producing ordinary revenue, but it is also nearing the time when it must dangle itself some of the ambitious schemes which it desires, but cannot honestly afford.

We await the Budget, fairly confident that the Financial Secretary will not have very good tidings for the Colony, but in the hope that the outlook will not be as black as he hinted a year ago it might become.

Snowdrifts 20ft High: Bus Passengers Marooned: Starving Moor Ponies Raid Gardens NEW BLIZZARDS SCOURGE BRITAIN

Atomic Radiation On Human Life

Fresh Knowledge

New York, Feb. 24. Facts about effects of atomic radiation on human life will be a major contribution of Japanese scientists to the international atoms-for-peace conference at Geneva next August.

Professor Uoshio Fujioke, Japanese physicist, told a press conference at United Nations today that the Japanese delegates intended to "present many papers on radiation biology" to the conference.

Their material would be based on the results of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Nagasaki and what he called "the unfortunate event around Bikini atoll."

The professor was a spokesman for the Japanese scientists visiting the United States.

There was speculation that the Japanese might have sought to obtain materials for the setting up of an atomic pile, but Professor Fujioke indicated that his country's physicists looked to Japan itself to produce their requirements.

He said a programme was under way to investigate the atomic potentialities of Japan, but so far no evidence had been found "that we can get much uranium" though as little as three tons would be enough for an experimental pile.

He added: "We have been thinking about the production of heavy water in Japan. Maybe we can get it in a few years."

"I do not know if there have been any negotiations between Japan and the United States Government about the granting to us of atomic materials. We are only scientists."

He admitted that at present it was impossible for Japan to build an atomic reactor, but he hoped that an experimental reactor might be set up in due course.—Reuters.

DIAMONDS FOR HK FOUND

Rome, Feb. 25. Seven little metal boxes of cut diamonds, believed to have been found among the wreckage of the Belgian Sabena airliner which crashed near Rieti, north of Rome on Feb. 13, it was disclosed here tonight.

One box was open, but the only cotton wool wrapped gem missing was soon found nearby and handed over to the authorities investigating the crash.—France-Press.

Natives Slay Huks

Manila, Feb. 25. Eleven Huks, including two disident commanders, were slain by a band of 14 Igorots (native tribe) armed only with bows and arrows on Wednesday in Nueva Vizcaya Province, in northern Luzon, it was learned from army sources last night.

The Huks, not identified, were killed in two separate attacks by tribesmen on Huk hideouts in the mountains of Nueva Vizcaya.—France-Press.

Beginning Tomorrow...

Tomorrow's China Mail — the big, feature-packed week-end edition — brings you two new series of articles: **The Great Gamblers and the Clonk and Dagger Squadron.** **THE GREAT GAMBLERS** written by Julian Symonds tells about people who have gambled for fortune. And tomorrow the gambler is Arthur James Cook, Miners' Federation Secretary, the man who told the Government: "To hell with the British Empire!"

CLONK AND DAGGER SQUADRON is the story of 138 Squadron, the RAF's most fantastic unit. Leslie Montgomery tells Gordon Thomas some of the squadron's secret war-time exploits for the first time.

Also in this week's Saturday Mail, the Archbishop of Canterbury gives the Church of England's answer to the problem of divorce. Tony Motia, China Mail feature writer, spends an afternoon following a local country club worker on her rounds and see what service to others means.

These are just some of the highlights of this week's Saturday Mail — the family favourite with the latest and best selection of local and overseas news, features and pictures.

Temperature In Scotland Falls To Minus 19 Deg F.

LONDON, FEB. 24.

NEW BLIZZARDS SWEEPED BRITAIN TODAY AND BY THIS EVENING OVER EIGHTY MAIN ROADS IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY WERE BLOCKED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB COMMENTED "BRITAIN IS ENTERING A NEW PHASE OF CHAOTIC ROAD CONDITIONS."

From Yorkshire, in the northwest, to Cornwall, in the southwest corner of England, reports spoke of cars and lorries marooned, villages cut off and snowdrifts ranging up to twenty feet deep.

Scotland "operation snowdrop" using RAF aircraft to drop fodder to snowbound sheep continued though mist hampered the drop.

Scotland expected a thaw but elsewhere in Britain more heavy snow was forecast.

On the Yorkshire moors snowploughs got through to three buses stranded overnight with 100 passengers aboard. They found the people none the worse. In this area snowploughs were hampered by winds blowing at 70 miles an hour.

Gales swept the East coast and many ships ran as speedily as they could to shelter.

Reports tonight said 200 people were stranded in cars along a highway near Stain-

more, Yorkshire. The road was said to be sealed at both ends by snow. The Air Ministry said helicopters were standing by to fly in food at first light tomorrow.

In Southwest England conditions were described as "the worst for 30 years." On the Devon moors, starving herds of wild ponies were raiding farms and gardens in search of food.

In this area lies the long sentence goal of Dartmoor, and parties of prisoners today toiled

unwillingly to clear a path through a ten-foot snowdrift so that the local midwife could reach two expectant mothers.

A temperature of minus 19 degrees Fahrenheit was reported today from the Spey Valley, Northeast Scotland.

The Air Ministry spokesman said that if this were confirmed it would be the lowest ever recorded in Britain. (The coldest ever known in Scotland is minus 17° Fahrenheit—in 1895).—Rediff.



Here is a typical scene in Scotland created by the recent blizzards which have put the whole of Britain under snow. Sheep can be seen making the most of the little grass they can find on the higher slopes of a farm. In the background are farm buildings deep in snow.

The New GATT Benefits Commonwealth Nations

From M. S. Nutt

Geneva, Feb. 24.

The undeveloped parts of the Commonwealth will do better under the new General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade than they have been doing under the old one.

Final revision of GATT which has been in progress here since October last, is expected to be completed before next week.

But India, Ceylon and Pakistan are already very happy with the new concessions given them on the use of tariffs and restrictions to protect their new and developing industries.

This progress covers only those underdeveloped areas which are independent nations. The position of the colonies which are regarded as dependent parts of Britain is being dealt with separately.

The British Government's plan to give them, as well as senior members of the Commonwealth, a better chance of developing their industries is still under examination behind closed doors.

The investigating committee is expected to present its report to a full session of the 24-member nations of GATT, which the next two or three days.

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STOP PRESS

Evacuation Of Nanchi

Taipei, Feb. 25. The Nationalist government is at present evacuating troops from Nanchi Island, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's northernmost outpost off the coast of Chekiang province, Nationalist officials reported today.

The officials, who asked not to be named, said the evacuation of Nationalist troops from Nanchi Island, about 120 miles north of Formosa, began three days ago and was expected to be completed today.

They said there were about 3,000 Nationalist troops on the island, only 25 miles off China coast.—Rediff.

NO PLAY IN 5th TEST

What The Bangkok Talks Achieved

Bangkok, Feb. 25.

The organisational meeting of the eight Manila Pact powers ends today with the first steps taken toward collective security against Communist expansion in Southeast Asia.

Paper pledges of the United States, Britain, Philippines, Pakistan, France, Australia, New Zealand and Thailand, made at Manila last September, of mutual co-operation against aggression have been turned into functioning machinery.

No great armies have been drawn together, but the significance of the Bangkok meeting lies in the time that has been drawn across Southeast Asia which, if crossed by Communist totalitarianism, would mean war.

4 ACCOMPLISHMENTS Here is what the Bangkok Conference actually accomplished.

The permanent operation Headquarters of the eight-nation Mutual Defence Agreement was established. Each member will have representatives of Ambassadorial rank on this council, which will in the broadest sense be a thermometer recording the fever of Communist expansion in Southeast Asia.

A military panel of experts from all members has been set up. It can meet anywhere, any time it wishes to discuss the defence of Southeast Asia. The panel is not similar to the European NATO setup, where actual divisions of Air and Naval forces are committed ready to fight. Instead, the SEATO panel will have paper commitments of available forces for use should certain situations arise.

The fact that no United States units are actually stationed among the member nations does not mean America cannot be committed. Mr. Dulles told the members in definite terms that US is ready to aid the allies under the Manila Pact if they are a target of aggression.

3. Experts on anti-subversion will meet to continually exchange intelligence on "Communist subversive plans" and new methods of combating them.

4. Economic specialists will be attached to the permanent representatives to work out methods to better the economic health of Southeast Asia and to work on bilateral aid agreements.—United Press.

Mass Suicide Threat

Sao Paulo, Feb. 24.

Some 1,000 members of a Japanese "suicide" sect today threatened to resort to violence on commit hari-kiri if they are not allowed to return home to liberate their country. "from Communism."

Members of the Cherry Tree Suicide Battalion, said they would carry out their threat tomorrow if the Japanese consulate did not grant them visas to return to Japan.

"Battalion" representatives and Japanese consular officials held talks tonight as the Brazilian police prepared to intervene on the expiration of the deadline set by the sect.—France-Press.

TUC WARNING

London, Feb. 24.

The British Trades Union Congress tonight warned trade unionists against accepting invitations to visit countries behind the Iron Curtain.

The advice was contained in a pamphlet which said: "It should be remembered that the Russians exploit these tours to make the East European think that there is a large body of sentiment in the West which favours Russian policy."—France-Press.

Ground Under Water

Sydney, Feb. 25.

A waterlogged ground and continuing rain prevented a start in the fifth and final Test match today between England and Australia.

Since Wednesday it has been pouring, preventing net practice for both sides yesterday.

If weather conditions permit, it is hoped to begin the match tomorrow.

Colin Cowdrey, the England batsman, entered a nursing home on the eve of the Test. But he is among 13 players named for the match.

Cowdrey had a high temperature on Wednesday.

OTHER CASUALTIES

England's other casualties, Frank Tyson (injured leg) and Trevor Bailey, who recently had a cast removed from a fractured finger, are among 13 players from whom the side will be chosen.

Alec Bedser, dropped after the first Test, and Tom Graveney, who did not play in the last two Tests, are also included.

The 13 are: Len Hutton, P. B. H. May, M. C. Cowdrey, W. J. Edrich, T. E. Bailey, D. C. S. Compton, T. W. Graveney, T. G. Evans, J. E. Statham, A. V. Bedser, J. H. Wardle, R. Appleyard and F. Tyson.

MADDOCKS UNWELL

Gil Langley, the Australian wicket keeper, has been called to Sydney in case Len Maddocks, who succeeded him in the team, is unfit.

Maddocks was taken ill last night while flying from Melbourne and was believed to be suffering from the effects of inoculations for the forthcoming Australian tour of the West Indies.

England, who have already made sure of retaining the Ashes, are 3-1 up in the series.

Although the groundsmen has done his best to cover the pitch, rain has seeped through. The outfield is under water.—Reuters.



COLIN COWDREY, a doubtful starter

NYE BEVAN CENSURED

London, Feb. 24. British Labour Members of Parliament tonight backed Mr. Clement Attlee, their leader, against a challenge by Mr. Aneurin Bevan, who leads the leftwing of the Party over big power talks on Germany.

After a stormy two-hour meeting, the Parliamentary Party adopted, by 182 votes to 72, a motion "deprecating" Mr. Bevan's action in putting forward a House of Commons motion urging discussions with Russia before the Paris Agreements, which bring a sovereign West Germany into the Atlantic defence system, had been ratified.—Reuters.

Rock Crushes House

Catania, Feb. 24.

Three of the five inhabitants of a cottage in Palagonia, near Catania, Sicily, were seriously injured when their home was crushed under a fall of a rock here today.

The rock, a great block of granite, broke loose from the cliff face.—France-Press.

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Steady Date For Bing Crosby



Not running true to character these days are flamboyant world famous crooner Bing Crosby, and his steady date Mona Freeman. Bing dresses as conservatively as the next fellow, and Mona, previously the owner of conservative black ears, is now driving around town in a passion-pink convertible.—Express Photo.

Nuclear Research Must Go On

H-BOMB SCIENTIST'S VIEWS

Washington, Feb. 24. Dr Edward Teller, the atomic scientist generally credited with supplying the idea behind the hydrogen bomb, said today that perfection of the weapon must not end the search for new "accomplishments."

"The very size of our progress has opened up other dangers," Dr Teller said in an article in "Science," the publication of the American Society for the Advancement of Science.

DO NOT BELIEVE

"We may be led to think that this accomplishment is something ultimate. I do not believe that this is so. Where the next steps will lead I do not know. It is not likely that it will be just bigger bombs again. The world is full of surprises and great developments rarely go along straight lines.

"But the skills and the knowledge that developed the A-

bomb and the H-bomb can undoubtedly be turned to new directions, and we shall fail if we rest upon our accomplishments."

Dr Teller also paid tribute to the work of Dr Robert Oppenheimer, Director of Princeton's Institute for Advanced Studies, against whom he testified last year at a loyalty hearing of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Dr Oppenheimer's leadership during the war was a vital factor in the development of the atom bomb, Dr Teller said.—Reuter.

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Egyptian Failure To Control The Arab League

Bagdad, Feb. 24.

Iraq and Turkey tonight signed a defence pact which has been sternly opposed by Egypt and several other Arab countries.

The agreement was signed by Turkish Premier Menderes and Iraqi Premier Nuri al Said.

The Iraqi Parliament is expected to ratify the pact next week.

Earlier, the Iraqi Cabinet had approved the final text of the pact after a meeting of the two Premiers to discuss certain amendments.

NOT KNOWN

The nature of the amendments is not yet known. But the pact is believed to cover military aid to any Middle Eastern state, including the rest of the Arab League, of which Iraq is a member. If requested for defence against "foreign aggression" from inside or outside the area.

It is the first time that an Arab League nation has signed a defence pact with Turkey, a member of the North Atlantic Pact.—Reuter.

The Arab world came face to face with a serious internal crisis today as the Premiers signed the pact, says United Press.

Since mid-January, when the Turks and Iraqis declared their intention of signing the treaty, Arab League states have been divided into two camps. Egypt and Saudi Arabia have bitterly opposed Iraq's policy. Syria, the Lebanon, Jordan and Libya have adopted a more or less pro-Iraq attitude. The Yemen has supported Egypt in a lukewarm manner.

Egypt has openly threatened to quit the League's security pact if Iraq went through with the alliance with Turkey. An Egyptian Foreign Office spokesman said today that Egypt persists in her determination to pull out of the security pact as soon as the Turco-Iraqi pact is signed.

He added significantly that "if the report is confirmed that Turkey has concentrated two divisions along the Syrian frontier and if the Turk commits any act of aggression toward Syria, then Egypt would execute the terms of the security pact which would entail giving military assistance to Syria."

POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL

The spokesman explained that Egypt's possible withdrawal from the security pact would not prevent her from making new military agreements with Arab states refusing to line up with the Iraqis and the Turks.

Diplomatic circles in Cairo believe that Egypt, Saudi Arabia and probably Syria would become ardent supporters of the non-involvement policy advocated by the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, and that this would become apparent at the conference of Asian and African powers in Bandung, Indonesia, in April.

Such a development, they said, would be unsatisfactory to Western governments.—United Press.

A-HEADACHES

London, Feb. 24.

The atomic bomb may account for the considerable increase in the number of headaches in recent years, according to a report published today by a British doctor, Nevill Leyton, who runs Britain's only headache hospital.

Dr Leyton, whose hospital is at Putney, London, has treated 11,000 headache sufferers in the last five years.

He estimated in his report that the 2,000,000 British headache victims recorded in 1947 had increased to 3,000,000 by 1953.—France-Press.

DULLES NOT SELLING IN BURMA

Rangoon, Feb. 25. Mr John Foster, Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, who arrives in Rangoon tomorrow, will not try to draw Burma into the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation, an American Embassy source said today.

The source said that Mr Dulles, coming straight from the SEATO conference in Bangkok, will not come to "sell" anything to Burma.

His visit is officially described as a "courtesy visit," but political circles here regard it as an indication of the growing stature of the Burmese Premier, U Nu, as a Southeast Asian leader.

Mr Dulles is known to have undertaken the visit on his own initiative, and reliable sources say that he specifically asked the Burmese Foreign Office to extend his meeting with U Nu "by at least half an hour" over the original 90 minutes set aside.

WIDE RANGE

The discussions between Mr Dulles and U Nu will be informal and will cover a wide range of subjects.

U Nu has never been openly critical of American actions in Asia. In fact, during his visit to Pokig last year, U Nu publicly praised America and the American people for their contributions towards the relief of economic distress in the world—the first time anyone had done so in China since the Communists took over.—Reuter.

WRONG NUMBER CAME UP

Paris, Feb. 24. Mme Bruyat had often tried her luck at the French national lottery, but without success. She had got her money back two or three times but had never been able to win a substantial amount of money.

She had given up buying tickets when she saw in her favourite newspaper an advertisement by a soothsayer who contended that she was able to forecast winning numbers.

She went to see her. She was told to pick up a ticket whose number ended with 73. But she could find none.

"Never mind—she said, I shall take the next best" and she bought a ticket ending by 74. Looking at the lottery results she only remembered the figure mentioned by the soothsayer—73—and when she saw no such number had won, she threw her ticket into the fire in an angry gesture.

Then she suddenly remembered that the soothsayer had actually bought with 73. This ticket had won 1,000,000 francs. But she had lost the ticket! She had lost 1,000,000 francs!—France-Press.

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UNREST IN NORTH AFRICA

Nationalists Watching Moves Of New French Government

Paris, Feb. 24.

French North Africa, seething with nationalist unrest, suspiciously watched today the first moves of the new Paris Government which pledged itself to liberal policies towards the Arabs.

While an armed truce continued in Tunisia, outlawry was rampant in neighbouring territories further to the west, Algeria and Morocco.

However, moderate nationalists in all these countries who prefer negotiations to open warfare received M. Edgar Faure's election as Premier rather sympathetically. What worries them is the nomination of various Ministers favouring status quo overseas.

At the time of the election, M. Faure's government, elected on a platform of liberalisation, was expected to bring in the Assembly a new constitution. The new constitution, it was expected, would give the French colonies a greater say in their own affairs. The new constitution, it was expected, would give the French colonies a greater say in their own affairs.

BLUNT STATEMENT

Early in 1952, while the protectorate was rocked by the worst ever anti-French rioting, M. Faure, then Premier, started French conservatives by his blunt statement: "We cannot keep in the freezer an 80-year-old protectorate treaty."

But M. Faure was not the only one to say so. In the past, the French Government has been accused of being too slow to react to the changing situation in North Africa.

SHAVE OR NOT TO SHAVE

Wellington, Feb. 24.

Do bearded or clean shaven men make better Alpine climbers?

The New Zealanders who left here today to climb the 15,000-foot high Mt. Everest, are being asked to decide whether they will shave or not.

The expedition, led by John Hunt, is the first to attempt the climb since 1921. The expedition is expected to return in a few weeks.

Each member of the expedition carried an electric shaver in order to test whether or not they felt fresher when clean shaven.

The youngest member of the expedition, 22-year-old John Hunt, said that he intended to keep on shaving throughout the journey to compare notes with bearded companions.

"Shaving certainly keeps you feeling fresh even when the going is tough," he said.

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Jap Election Tempo Stepped Up

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

The tempo of electioneering stepped up on Thursday in Japan's most important elections since the end of World War II with Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama's Democrats gaining ground every day.

A rash of oddities peculiar to the Japanese political scene also cropped up with the February 27 elections but three days away.

Public opinion polls indicated the Democrats steadily gaining ground over their nearest rivals. The most recent poll said Mr Hatoyama's Democrats should take 188 of the 467-seat House with the Liberals getting about 130. Left and Right wing Socialist parties would win some 133 seats with 10 seats going to other splinter parties, according to the poll.

"EVIL COURSE"

Former Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida blasted Mr Hatoyama's policy toward Russia and said it would only take Japan on an "evil course." Mr Hatoyama advocates normalising relations with Russia and eventually recognising Red China.

Mr Hatoyama, racing around to speaking engagements, was stopped by the police on Thursday for speeding. Given a warning and released, the Prime Minister and his car sped away in a cloud of dust to make up for lost time.

In Yamaguchi Prefecture in Western Japan, the Right Socialists registered a complaint. Some 200,000 election bulletins distributed by the Government credited the Liberal Party platform to the Socialists.

REDS DROP OUT

Communist candidates were dropping out of the race with 29 indicating their withdrawal in an obvious manoeuvre to give their voting strength to the Socialists.

Some 1,118 persons had violated the strict election laws. Vote buying was most prevalent with violations of restrictions on posters and pamphlets, house-to-house canvassing, interference with electioneering and speech violations making up most of the remainder.

Public opinion polls indicated the newcomer had little chance of breaking into the political scene because of the many campaign restriction laws. It was almost impossible for the newcomer to make himself known. Women were asked in editorials to take a keen interest in the coming elections. Some 41 per cent said they would vote, according to a recent poll.—United Press.

Settle Austrian Question

FIRST STEP TO LASTING PEACE

Vienna, Feb. 24.

An agreement on Austrian question would be the first step toward lasting peace, the Foreign Minister, Herr Leopold Figl told a meeting of the Austrian "Peace Association" which was held here today.

He said his Government wanted friendly relations with all countries and not with just one country or coalition of groups of countries.

Herr Figl denied the alleged Communist statements which purportedly said Austria is setting up military units for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

He said, "The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, would certainly not have called for pulling out of occupation troops from our country, if he were convinced that Austria was preparing to join the NATO forces."

Herr Figl said Austria would keep strictly to the 68,000-man army which is provided for in the Austrian State Treaty, if the treaty were approved.

He said Austria has tried to keep good relations with all its neighbours, including Yugoslavia and the "popular democracies" in the East and Italy in the West.

"A stepping up of tension in Austria could have unpredictable results," he concluded.—France-Press.

RED GRENADE CACHE FOUND IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, Feb. 24.

The Singapore Police dug up 147 grenades on the eastern suburb last night, believed to have been buried by the Malayan Communist Party.

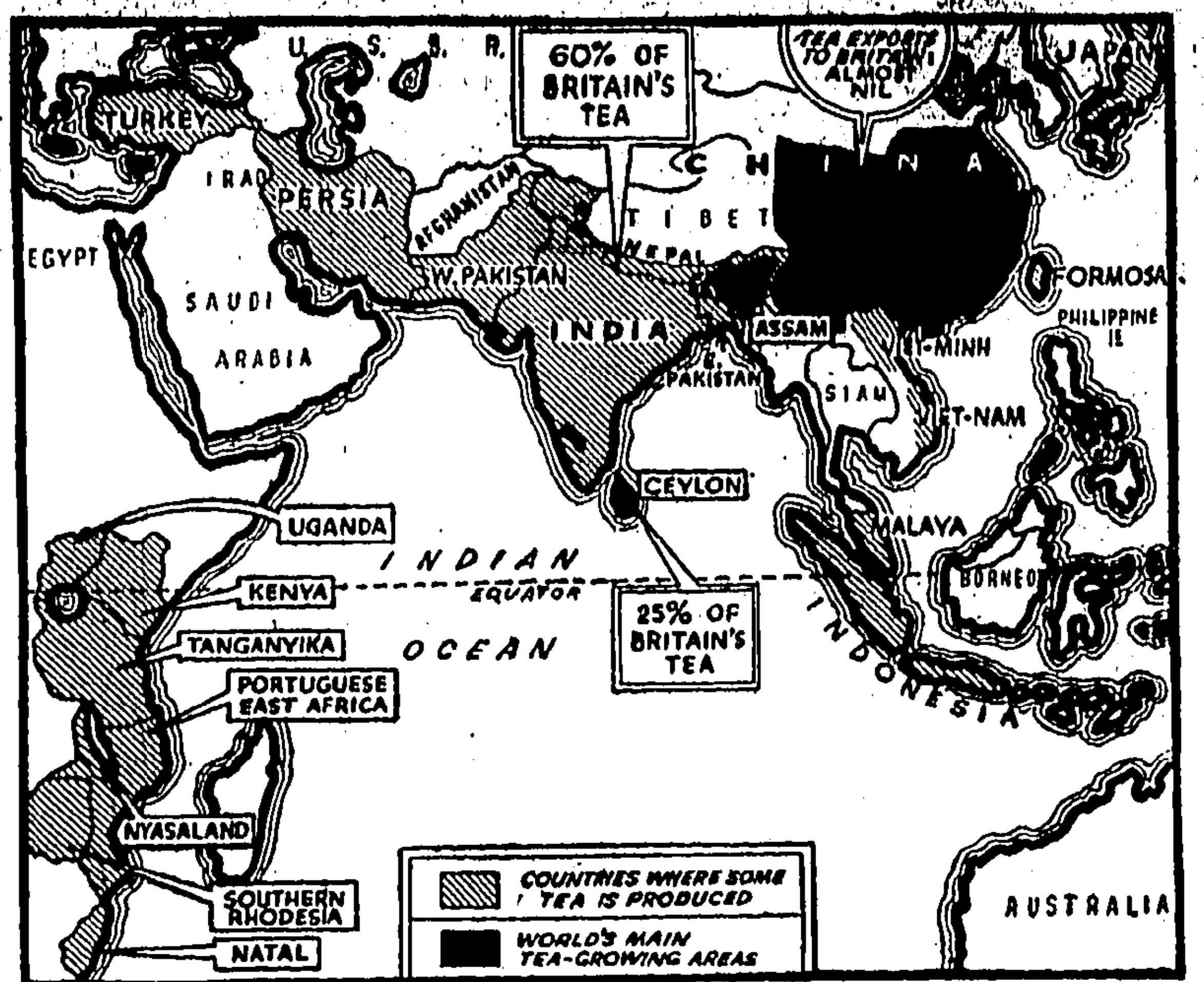
A Police spokesman said that the grenades were contained in two earthenware jars tightly sealed and buried about nine inches below ground level. They were British-made and believed to be part of a prewar dump buried in the jungle north of Singapore.

The Director of the Special Branch, Mr. A. E. G. Blades, said that discovery of the grenades was the direct result of the detention and interrogation of a chain of students who left Chinese middle schools here in 1953 and 1954.

He said that according to information the grenades were purchased by the "A" branch of the Malayan Communist Party in Singapore and re-buried. This branch of the MCP is chiefly concerned with subversive activity in Chinese middle schools and among the intelligentsia.

"COMRADE D" Mr Blades said that the leader of "A" branch, known among his followers as "Comrade D" was among a group of students expelled from the Chinese High School in 1954. The Special Branch chief said that the "A" branch is the biggest of the two main branches of the Malayan Communist Party in Singapore and would not reveal its strength.

FILLING the TEAPOT



Princess Margaret Says Farewell To Jamaica

Port Antonio, Jamaica, Feb. 24.

A cheerful unruffled Princess Margaret waved goodbye to Jamaica today from a Royal barge which bounced and bobbed on white capped waves.

Then she boarded the Royal Yacht, Britannia, for two days at sea on the last stage of her month-long tour of the British West Indies.

It was thought until the last minute that because of the sea, it might be advisable for her to go by train to Kingston and join the Britannia. But Princess Margaret, a good sailor, did not seem to notice the rough sea as the royal barge took out across the harbour to the yacht.

As she left, a calypso band played a haunting tune while a gaily-clad barefoot girl sang.

FLYING HOME

The Princess will go ashore at Nassau on Saturday morning for four days in the Bahamas. Then she flies home.

The Britannia had dropped anchor in East Harbour while Princess Margaret was just arriving at the green playing fields of Titchfield School to say her farewell after five days on the biggest British island in the West Indies.

She had just said goodbye to Sir Hugh Foot, the Governor of the island, and Lady Foot, whose guest she was and to the Prime Minister, Mr. Norman Manley and Mrs. Manley.

After she sailed, Mr. Manley told Reuter: "Princess Margaret's visit has been one of the happiest and most successful Royal tours in Jamaica."

"I don't recall anyone who has had a warmer welcome. I believe the Princess and her party have really enjoyed their stay more than might be normally expected of those engaged on such arduous duty."

"I am happy to think that this is partly due to the character of the welcome and because the programme allowed for some events not generally included in these ceremonial tours."

A crowd of thousands waved and cheered as she left and the balconies of Titchfield School were crowded with cheering pupils.

LOVELIEST PARTY

Princess Margaret's last night on Jamaica was spent at what she described as the "loveliest party" she had ever enjoyed.

It was held under a starry sky on the palm fringed beach at Frenchman's Cove on the northern shore and her fellow guests included Mr. Noel Coward and Mr. Adlai Stevenson, American former Presidential candidate. The drinks included pink champagne.

Bush drummers beat out calypso rhythms and folk songs and though she did not dance, the Princess occasionally rose from her seat in delight and did a few dance steps.

She laughed and clapped as the other members of the party danced a conga line around the sandy beach. She stayed until 11.15 a.m. after bacon and eggs at midnight.

Huge bonfire flares illuminated the scene.

—United Press.

"All the tea in China" — and none of it for us! With China long out of the market, tea is becoming a luxury again. Three hundred years ago only the rich ever bought it—and they paid 25 a pound!

China supplied the world then. But this century her exports have grown less and less—until, under Communist rule, they have almost disappeared.

India and Ceylon keep stepping up production. But whenever the British housewife dips into her purse to meet the soaring prices, it is a sure sign that the tea supply is falling far short of demand.

OTHER AREAS

There have been attempts to trade with China and import her tea to blend with Indian leaf. These attempts have so far failed.

Newspapers show, however, that there are other areas which could grow tea. No country outside China can yet compete with India and Ceylon, but there are plenty which grow some tea—and could grow more.

Nyasaland, for instance, is a newcomer among tea growers, and already she ranks fourth among the suppliers of the British teapot.

The long-term answer to high tea prices may well lie in developing the industry in Africa and elsewhere.

—United Press.

Russia Trying To Influence W. German Youth

Berlin, Feb. 24.

Mr. Gregory Pushkin, Soviet High Commissioner in Germany, reaffirmed today that Russia had agreed to international control of all-German elections as demanded by the Western Powers.

But he said in a letter to West German youth leaders that only renunciation of the Paris armistice treaties could establish the necessary conditions for reunifying the country.

He said the Soviet Union made no conditions for German unity except that a unified Germany should be a peaceful and democratic state and not join any kind of military alliance directed against the Soviet Union or any other state of the West or the East.

Mr. Pushkin's letter said, Russia had made it clear that if the Paris treaties were ratified, negotiations on reunification of Germany would be "useless and impossible."

It was impossible not to think that in case of reunification, West Germany would become a military state.

Mr. Pushkin said West German youth could rest assured that the Soviet Union would always give it sympathy and support in a struggle for the unity of Germany "on a peaceful and democratic basis."

—Reuter.

Damascus, Feb. 24.

The new Syrian Government of Premier Bahri Asad, tonight won a Parliamentary vote of confidence by a slim margin.

The Parliament approved the new Government's policy of cooperation by 65 votes to 55, with two abstentions.—France-Press.

JUSTICE WAS SPEEDED UP

Los Angeles, Feb. 24.

A Los Angeles man thought that justice was slow, so yesterday he took the law into his own hands—and found that justice had suddenly speeded up.

For three years, the man had been suing a bookshop which had sold him a pair of shoes which hurt. Yesterday, he decided to put an end to the dispute. He went to the shop and fired six shots into the boxes which lined the wall.

No one was hurt, but justice was speeded up. The man is now in jail on a charge of attempted murder.—France-Press.

HOMAGE TO FRENCH ACADEMY MEMBERS

Paris, Feb. 24.

Members of the French Academy met today to render homage to Paul Claudel and Andre Chamoux, both members who died of heart attacks yesterday.

Count Robert Harcourt presiding over the session said that Claudel's death at the age of 67 was a loss to the entire universe of letters.

"All those who have had the opportunity of representing our country abroad know the immense public that our literary patriarchy had throughout the entire world," he said.

Tracing Claudel's double career as a diplomat and poet, he said he was like a powerful oak tree which had come to its supreme fruition and filled the entire horizon.

He concluded by a tribute to the force of Claudel's Christian faith from which his extraordinary inspiration was derived.

Count Harcourt also paid tribute to the journalistic career of Andre Chamoux, who was elected to the Academy on the death of Georges Clemenceau.

Chamoux died at the age of 61.—France-Press.

Cambodian Bible

Phnompenh, Feb. 24.

The first edition of the Bible in the Cambodian language was on sale here today.

The edition was sponsored by the Evangelical Mission.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Vegetable (5).
 - Hot drink (5).
 - Remain (5).
 - Tasteless (5).
 - Girl's name (5).
 - Narrowed to a point (7).
 - Repeated from memory (7).
 - Summary (5).
 - Sweet smell (5).
 - Averted (5).
 - Lowest point (5).
 - Dog (5).
- DOWN
- Specimens (5).
 - Of the nose (5).
 - Archbishop (7).
 - Part of a shoe (5).
 - Scatter (5).
 - Told the tale (5).
 - Fenced in (5).
 - Devotees (7).
 - Motive (5).
 - Merchant (5).
 - Confederate (5).
 - Royal line (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Arie, 4. Bristol, 8. Bane, 9. Lies, 10. Scratch, 11. Exit, 12. Sign, 14. Confuse, 17. Unity, 18. Wager, 22. Fathers, 23. Weds, 27. Gain, 28. Cautel, 29. Inch, 30. Even, 31. Seize, 32. Cash. Down: 2. Baisin, 3. Absent, 4. Basic, 6. Recluse, 7. Lack, 13. Burt, 15. Gift, 16. Urge, 19. Kars, 20. Argued, 21. Awaiting, 24. Edicts, 25. Aware, 26. Heads, 29. Salvo.

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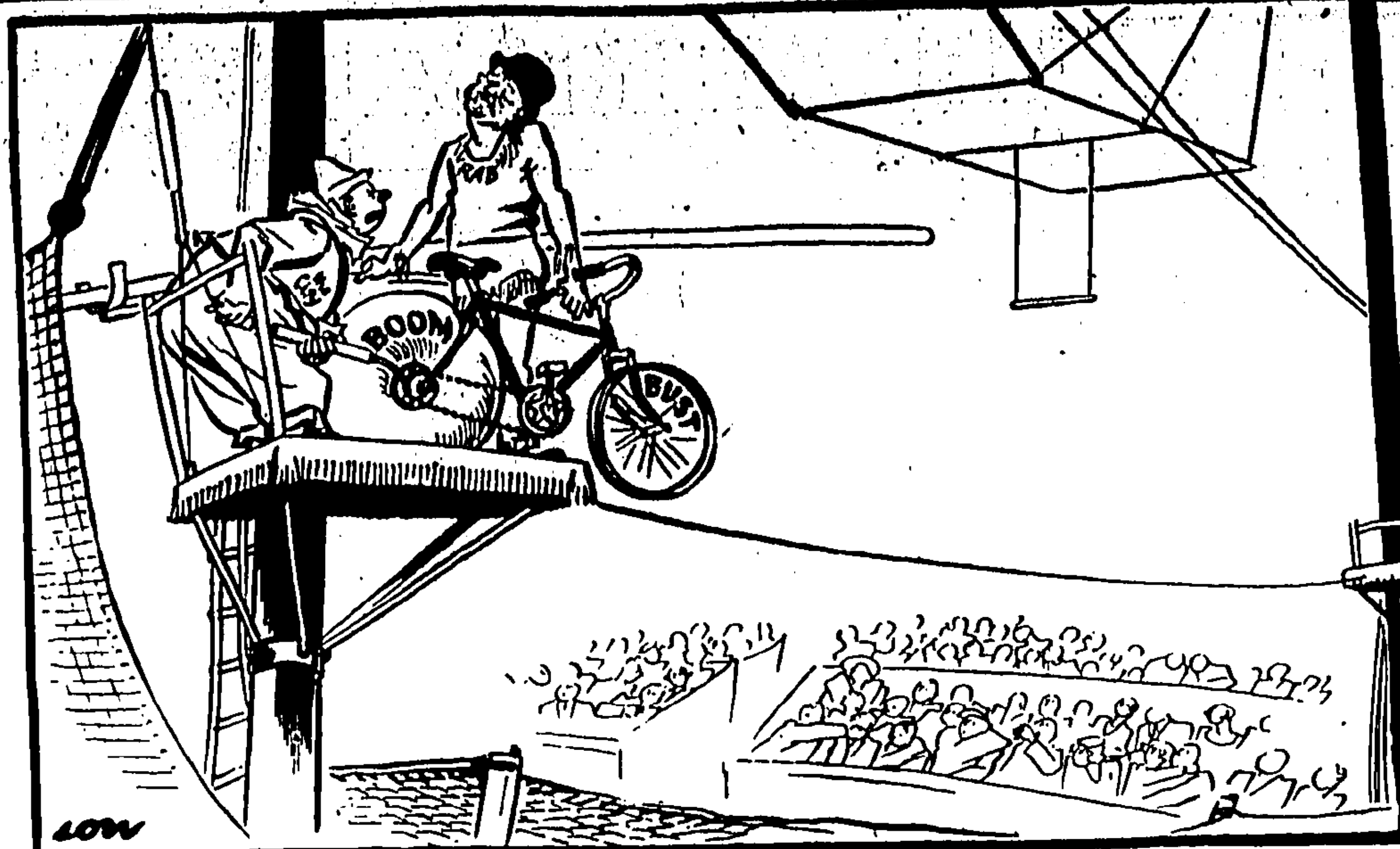
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Governor - Poet Gets Puerto Rico Bustling

By JACQUELINE ENGERT

AMERICA has a "Jamaica" problem. Penniless citizens from the sunny Caribbean island possession of Puerto Rico have been flooding to the U.S. mainland in thousands since 1946. They create the same housing, job and "neighbour" problems.

But answers are being found — by a poet-politician and his "Operation Bootstrap".

Ten years ago, the beautiful Puerto Rican island "commonwealth," 961 miles off the Florida coast, was a scandal of slums and poverty, overpopulation and disease. It had no resources but people, packed 655 to the square mile. Its nickname was "Uncle Sam's Sweatshop." A U.S. Senate Committee reported Puerto Rican misery was "unsolvable."

Out-of-work islanders poured north into New York's Puerto Rican Harlem until it burst at the seams and spilled Spanish-speaking "foreigners" all over Manhattan. The migrant stream swelled until today one in every twenty New Yorkers is a Puerto Rican. There are nearly 500,000 in the city. Only recently, officials predicted there would be 1,250,000 by 1970.

In 1948, Luis Muñoz Marín, former Greenwich Village Bohemian, intellectual, journalist and poet — became the first elected Governor of his poverty-stricken island. Against experts' prophecies, his now-or-never "Operation Bootstrap" crusade to boost the island's living standards is performing economic miracles. In five years, 325 new industries have been attracted to the island. Desperate unemployment is cut by one-fifth. The exodus north dropped by nearly 60 percent last year. Some Puerto Ricans are even returning home.



Governor Muñoz

will build a factory for you. It will help you secure long-term finance. It will even screen job applicants for you — and then train them to operate your machines."

Added attractions: The climate is magnificent. The swimming, sailing and fishing are out of this world. And there is tax exemption for ten years. Puerto Rico's meagre living still depends largely on the sugar crop. So one million dollars a year is spent on advertising rum in the United States. Officials say this campaign helps Jamaica too. For Puerto Rico's favourite Scotch whisky "highball" and persuade him to take rum instead. Colourful ads in subways, on roadside hoardings, in magazines, and in newspapers, proclaiming their drinking habits — "Drink rum!"

The sale of rum brings double riches. Taxes collected on its sale on the American continent are returned to the Puerto Rican treasury. And the man behind this grandiose, high-powered plan? Governor Muñoz, aged 50, a big friendly man. He

loves people about him. He loves to talk. He is an eloquent speaker — as well as writer and poet — in English and Spanish. During free moments, he strides off into the mountains, wearing a colourful open-necked sports shirt. There he will squat for hours — talking with the peasants. They call him "El Vate" — the Bard. People are his first love. People are his first problem. "Operation Bootstrap" would have failed if 370,000 islanders had not left home in a steady flow between 1940 and 1954. Muñoz still has a worrying population surplus on his hands. Puerto Rico has two and a quarter million people. It is only 100 miles long and 35 miles wide.

Mainland Puerto Ricans are an enormous social problem. "I caught newspaper and radio campaigns, newcomers now know more about jobs, housing, suitable clothing — and they may even know a smattering of English. In America the islanders meet the 'colour problem' for the first time. Puerto Ricans are a 'mixed' people. Some have a heavy strain of Negro blood which makes them dark-complexioned. Many are not 'co-coloured' at all, but mainland Americans lump them together with the Negroes. There is competition between the two minority groups.

Hot-blooded

FOR many years Puerto Rican migrants were traditionally left alone by New Yorkers. They festered in the worst slums. Some were victims of unscrupulous landlords. Families share single rooms at \$20 or \$25 a week. Mothers often find work first. Children roam the city streets and become delinquents. Crime rates are high. Hot-blooded "Latinos" are notorious for using knives and for "mugging"; a stroller is

brought down with a hand over his mouth and a knee in his back, and robb'd. Numbers found they could live idly on the dole. Islanders — forming their own ever-spreading communities, with Spanish cinemas, drug stores, super-markets and restaurants — got a bad reputation. Diverse social agencies — including a Mayor's Committee on Puerto Rican Affairs — now work to get 500,000 Puerto Rican New Yorkers into the "melting pot." New York has taken in all manner of foreign peoples and cultures before. It is a patchwork of Hungarian, Czech, German, French, Chinese, Negro and Puerto Rican sections. City officials say migrants from the sun-drenched Caribbean may be civic leaders in another 20 years.

Fanatics

MISUNDERSTANDING for Puerto Ricans is increased by nationalist outrages — the attempted Blair House assassination of President Truman in 1950; the shooting of Representatives in Congress by fanatics last year.

But Governor Muñoz stresses: "Puerto Rico is not demanding independence. It is shown by the fact that 61 percent of the voters of the island have declared that they do not ask independence. It is shown by the vigour with which both people and Government repudiate the handful of nationalist fanatics that occasionally fire real bullets into the real world from the bastions of their utopian fantasy."

Puerto Ricans wisely prefer to remain within the American tariff walls. The island "commonwealth" status, which came into effect in July 1953, was a compact made by the United States and Puerto Rico as two separate states. President Eisenhower promises Puerto Rico "absolute independence" any time the island asks for it.

But, says Governor Muñoz: "No commonwealth, no 'Bootstrap', no 'Operation' and we sink."

AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY ON THE SLOPES OF EVEREST

WHEN you are the British Ambassador in Nepal, just what are your powers?

Well, judge for yourself when you have read this story ...

Mr Ralph Izzard, a Daily Mail reporter, was warned by Colonel John Hunt (as he then was) that the copy-right of news about the successful British Mount Everest expedition had been bought by the Times. So he decided to chase the expedition to its base camp 200 miles from Katmandu, capital of Nepal.

Times in Katmandu. When reports came back from the mountain, Summerhayes did not even show them to the outraged correspondent whom the Times had sent there, before despatching them himself to London. Izzard, completely untrained, reached the base camp, 18,000 ft up, in record time. The few expedition members left there greeted him with embarrassment. The most they could offer him was cups of tea and general little-tattle, but no news. And when he attempted to photograph them they dodged into their tents.

Half an hour of this and Izzard had to walk the 200 miles back — catching fever on the way. Finally came news that Everest had been conquered. Izzard had been sent to have the news. Izzard and Colin Ross of the Daily Telegraph, to tell the news after a reasonable interval to enable the Queen to hear it first.

extracted a promise that the ambassador would tell him after two hours.

Now, in fact, it was not till nearly 15 hours afterwards that they were told. By then the news had been received back in Katmandu from America.

Mr Summerhayes transmitted the news at 6.30 p.m. on June 1 to London; but he did not tell the King of Nepal or the other correspondents, including the Times man, Mr Arthur Hutchingson, until 9 a.m. on June 2.

PARIS NEWSLETTER

MR FRANCE PLANS A COME-BACK

From Sam White

WHAT is the future of M. Mendes-France? This is the great question in French politics today.

It is doubtful if he will ever accept office again in the life of the present Parliament: and even more doubtful if a Parliament which profoundly dislikes and mistrusts him will ever give him another chance.

His position as Premier was always paradoxical. Personally unpopular when he was a back-bench critic with a small following, he gained power in a moment of panic after the fall of Dien Bien Phu. Since then his unpopularity with the majority of MPs has mounted to a fierce detestation of the man and his methods.

There were his unforgivable successes, his national and international standing, his intellectual arrogance, his biting tongue when dealing with the parliamentary mediocrities pitted against him.

There was also a whisper of anti-Semitism in the campaign against him. Almost reeling with fatigue, his face bruised by lack of sleep, he tried to make a last statement, after his defeat, Mendes-France managed to launch a slogan which is likely to be his rallying cry in the future. The slogan: France has acquired a liking for the bitter-sweet taste of truth.

His popularity in the country remains enormous. Newspapers are receiving a big mail voicing public disgust at his fall. In Paris cinemas his appearance in a newscast is loudly applauded. For the time being, Mendes-France intends to escape from it all by taking a three months' holiday. He will return as a nationally recognised Opposition leader, something which France has not had for nearly 30 years.

Great appeal

The outlines of a Left bloc led by him have already taken shape. It includes most of the Socialists and many of the Gaullists.

The aim of this bloc will be to win the French General Election in April next year. The bloc hopes to gain some two or three million votes from the steady six million the Communists have polled ever since the liberation.

Under Mendes-France's leadership, too, the bloc will have a great appeal for the youth of the country.



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Thomas Wilson

Draw For Colony Junior Fencing Tournament

The following is the draw for the Colony Junior Fencing Championships which commence on March 13.

FOIL

The first, second and semi-final rounds of the foil championship will take place on Monday Feb. 28 at the European YMCA Salsbury Road Kowloon. The draw is as follows:

First Round
Matches commence at 4.40 p.m.
(Best of seven hits)

A 5-1 VICTORY FOR ARMY HK

Singapore, Feb. 24. The Hongkong Army XI easily beat Singapore Army side five goals to one in the opening match of the Far East Hockey Triangular Tournament. United Press.

Colony Tennis Championships

Alfred Augusted, the Kowloon Cricket Club and Colony Inter-club tennis player, scored the first major upset of the Colony Grasscourt Championships when he ousted seventh-seeded George Choa of the Chinese Recreation Club with a sensational straight sets 6-2, 6-1 victory at HKCC yesterday. Augusted now meets second-seeded Edwin Tsui in the quarter-finals today.

One of the largest crowds of the tournament thus far, saw Augusted reaching top form against an opponent who got rattled very quickly and lagged into a series of costly errors.

All singles quarter-finals matches will be played today, while all the doubles quarter-final matches will take place on Monday, Feb. 28.

An entrance fee of \$1 per head will be charged from now onwards. All proceeds will go to local charities.

RESULTS

The following were the results:

Singles
A. Augusted beat George Choa 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles
Ip and Tsui beat P. Poon and K. K. G. 6-3, 6-1.

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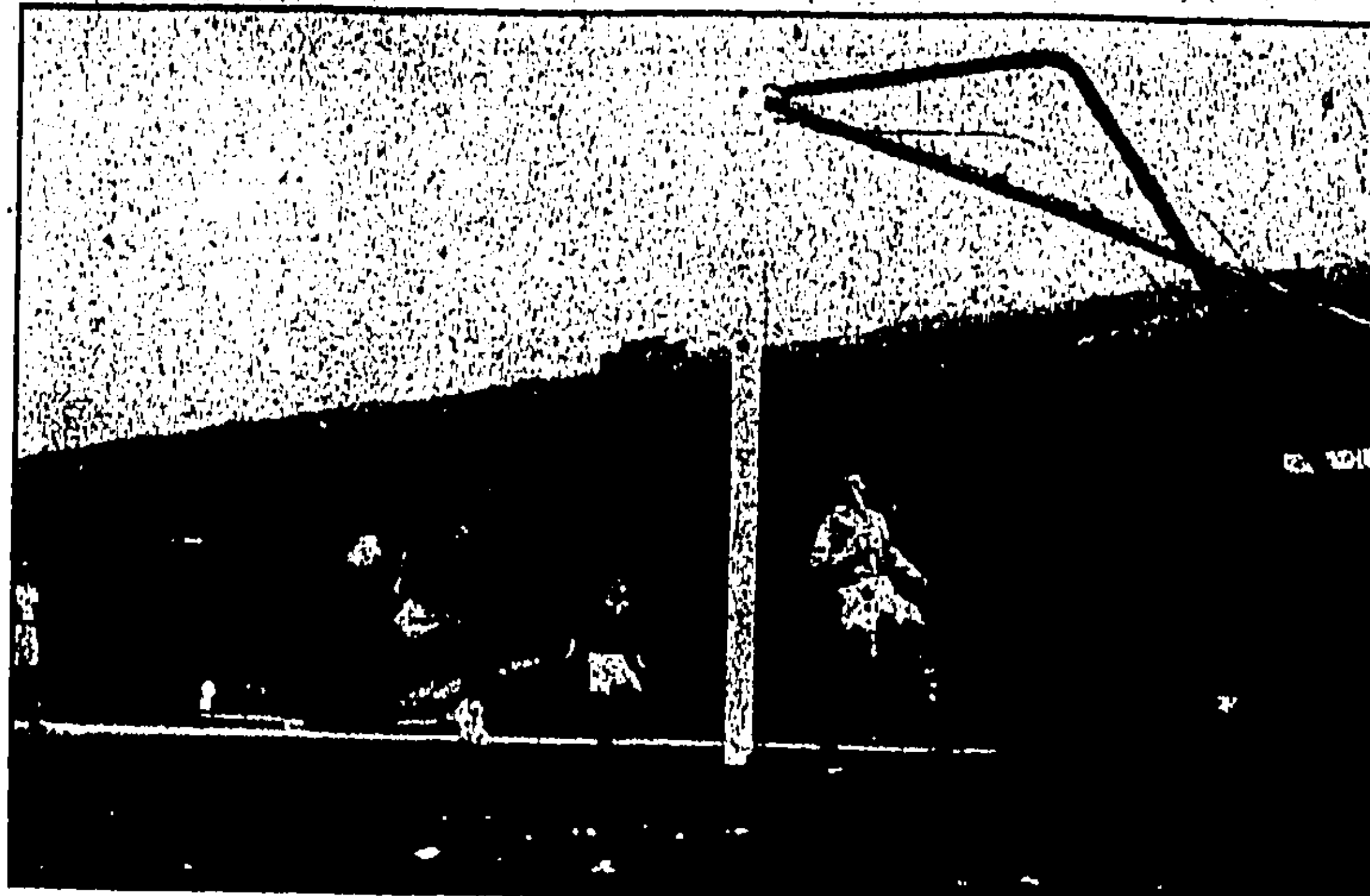
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THE MANCHESTER DERBY



Bert Trautmann makes a fingertip landing after turning a shot from Edwards round the post in the Manchester United v. Manchester City match. City won 5-0.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 8. Orders By Lieutenant-Colonel O. F. Newton Dunn, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated February 22, 1955.

Force Orders
Annual Review.—The Annual Review of the Hongkong Defence Force will be held on Sunday, March 13, 1955, at 11 a.m. at the Hong Kong Club. The review will be held in the presence of the Governor, the Commander-in-Chief, the Adjutant-General, the Quartermaster-General, the Medical Officer, the Chaplain, the Band, and the various units of the Force. The review will be held in the presence of the Governor, the Commander-in-Chief, the Adjutant-General, the Quartermaster-General, the Medical Officer, the Chaplain, the Band, and the various units of the Force.

Hongkong Regiment
Training "A" Coy.—Thursday, March 3, 1955. Rehearsal for Annual Review. RV MPG for HQ HQ 5.30 p.m. (No medals).
Training "B" Coy.—Friday, March 4, 1955. Rehearsal for Annual Review. RV MPG for HQ HQ 5.30 p.m. (No medals).
Training "C" Coy.—Saturday, March 5, 1955. Rehearsal for Annual Review. RV MPG for HQ HQ 5.30 p.m. (No medals).

Force Headquarters
Rehearsal Parade.—Saturday, March 5, 1955. Rehearsal for Annual Review. RV MPG for HQ HQ 5.30 p.m. (No medals).
Rehearsal Parade.—Sunday, March 6, 1955. Rehearsal for Annual Review. RV MPG for HQ HQ 5.30 p.m. (No medals).

Artillery Battery
Field Troop.—Monday, February 28, 1955. Rehearsal for Annual Review. RV MPG for HQ HQ 5.30 p.m. (No medals).

"UNWORTHY CHALLENGER" ACCUSATION

New York, Feb. 24. Tony Entenza, President of the State of California Boxing Commission, described the Thai boxer Chamroon Songkittarat here yesterday as an unworthy challenger for the world bantamweight title.

Entenza said that he would ask members of the Commission which will meet here on Saturday not to recognize the fight set for March 8 between Raul Ronan Macias and the Thai boxer Songkittarat. He said that he would ask members of the Commission which will meet here on Saturday not to recognize the fight set for March 8 between Raul Ronan Macias and the Thai boxer Songkittarat.

The meeting between Macias of Mexico and Songkittarat has been recognized as a world title bout by the National Boxing Association, to choose a successor to the former world champion Robert Cohen, who had failed to defend his title within a stipulated period of time.—France-Press.

Salesian School In "B" Grade Soccer Final v. St. Louis

Salesian School beat La Salle College by two goals to one in the semi-final of the Intermediate Division of the Inter-School football championships at Happy Valley yesterday. Salesian now meets St. Louis in the final on Sunday.

Also on Sunday, Wah Yan Kowloon meets the winner of the St. Joseph's College College in the Senior title, while St. Joseph's encounter Wah Yan Kowloon in the Junior title. The winners will receive prizes at the conclusion of the matches.

Match Postponed

The men's hockey match between RAF and HKCC which was to have been played on Sunday, Feb. 27, will now be played on Saturday, March 5, at 2.30 p.m. on the Pool Ground, Kowloon Park.

THE LA LOLLO STORY

I Was A Prisoner In Hollywood, Gina Said

By HENRY THODY

Italy's fiery vamp, Gina Lollobrigida, is naturally suspicious of men. No wonder. They have been making passes at her ever since she was a schoolgirl.

"Do you know the luxury I enjoy most now I am successful?" Gina asked as she poured me a cup of strong, black coffee on the sun balcony of her penthouse flat, overlooking Rome.

"It's being able to ride in a car, and not travel on buses and trams any more," she said, fastening those big, unblinking eyes upon me.

I saw the point. Rome's public transport system is the happy hunting ground of gaily-breathed Latin wolves who accompany pinches with amorous pinches.

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Not surprising then, the scene on Rome's crowded Corso one day in 1947, when Gina was on her way to singing classes. A pocky, middle-aged Italian came up from behind and whispered to the curvaceous young student: "How would you like to be in movies?"

"Go to the Devil!" snapped Gina. Some reports say she also threw a hankie which hit the Italian in the gutter.

Gina denies that. "I remember in time I am a lady," she told me.

But the highly paid filmmaker had to produce his identity card, in the crowded street, to prove to the suspicious Gina that he really was Mario Costa.

Eight years and many millions of lire later, Gina is still as cold, suspicious and hostile to male strangers.

That was why Humphrey Bogart, who is equally suspicious of women, nicknamed her "Lollobrigidaire" when they first met to film together in Beat the Devil.

WRONG IDEA
At first Gina did not make the same impression upon Italy's bustling new Hollywood-on-the-Tiber as upon Signor Costa. She worked as an extra for a while at 30s a day.

It was just about decided to quit movies when my fiancé, now my husband, told me I'd never become an actress. From then on I was determined to prove him wrong.

Gina has now made 26 films. She has lost count of the times she has played the role of a lost woman of the streets, so it is not surprising that even though Gina Lollobrigida lives a blameless, happily-married private life some people occasionally get the wrong idea about her.

Gina has made one trip to Hollywood. "It was the biggest mistake of my life," she told me frankly.

"I was virtually a prisoner in the heart of Hollywood. I was paid thousands of dollars to stay there. But my movements were as limited as in any jail."

It was in 1950, just as Gina's figure was becoming more and more discussed topic in Italy than the rising cost of spaghetti, that Hollywood's sharpest eye for a curve, millionaire-producer Howard Hughes, came across a film still of Gina in a bikini.

"Get this Low-low whatever," her agent-darling, name-is-it? Hughes ordered his Rome agent, "I'm sending a special plane for her."

HOME AGAIN
Gina reluctantly accepted Hughes' offer to go to Hollywood. She had recently married and wanted to stay with her husband. Hughes promised to would push for a visa for Gina's husband to join her later.

"When I arrived in Hollywood I was rushed off to a smart hotel. There I stayed for weeks. I was never allowed out to meet anyone."

All day long she was given English lessons—for a screen test which never came. Husband Milko's visa never came, either.

"But often after midnight Maestro Hughes would arrive and order the orchestra to keep playing. He would then want to dance with me in the deserted ballroom until dawn."

Gina decided to go home to Milko. She has never moved without him since.

The lovely Italian actress has gone back since she returned from her Hollywood experience. She is one thing she wants more than anything else—children.

"I hope this year the producers will give me time to have a baby."

When she began to film again she concentrated on the European market, starting in a number of successful Italian-French productions.

Then Hollywood rang the doorbell at her home. "John Huston asked me to appear in his next film," she said.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The Public Enclosure at Happy Valley is being lent to the Hong Kong Kennel Club for a Dog Show on Sunday 27th February 1955. These premises will be closed to Members at 10 a.m. on Sunday. The Badminton Courts will be closed all day Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th February.

During the Show, the Private Boxes, Coffee Room, Bar, Ladies' Lounge and the upper verandah will be open and reserved for the use of the Members of the Jockey Club.

The charges for admission are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for Service personnel in uniform and children under 16. Entrance to the Show will be by the Public Entrance only.

Members of the Jockey Club, who wish to make use of the Club rooms and upper verandah, must wear their Member's Badge, otherwise they will not be admitted thereto.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th February, 1955.

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THE HONGKONG AND
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Ordinary Yearly General
Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY
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Yearly General Meeting of
the Shareholders of the
Corporation will be held
at the Head Office of the
Corporation, 1 Queen's Road
Central, Hong Kong, on
Friday the 11th day of March,
1955, at Noon for the purpose
of receiving and considering
the reports of the Directors
and of the Auditors and the
Profit and Loss Account and
Balance Sheet for the year
ended 31st December, 1954,
and for the election of Direc-
tors and the appointment of
Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF
SHARES of the Corporation
will be closed from Friday,
the 25th of February to Fri-
day, the 11th of March, 1955,
(both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,

MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1955

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at 12.20 p.m. or so soon
afterwards as the Ordinary
Yearly General Meeting is
concluded, when the subjoined
resolutions will be submitted
as Ordinary Resolutions.

1. That the capital of the
Corporation be increased
from twenty million
Hong Kong dollars to
twenty five million Hong
Kong dollars by the
creation of forty thou-
sand new shares of one
hundred and twenty five
Hong Kong dollars each.

2. That:— (a) It is desir-
able to capitalise a sum
of five million Hong
Kong dollars being part
of the undivided profits
of the Corporation
standing to the credit of
the Reserve Fund and
accordingly that such
sum be capitalised and
applied in payment in
full for forty thousand
new shares of one
hundred and twenty five
Hong Kong dollars each
and that such shares
credited as fully paid up
be distributed amongst
the shareholders who on
the 11th day of March
1955 were registered
shareholders of the
Corporation in the pro-
portion of one new share
for every four then held
by such shareholders
respectively and that
such shares shall rank
for dividend as from the
1st day of January 1955
and shall in all other
respects rank *pari passu*
with the existing shares
of the Corporation.

(b) The Board be hereby
authorised to allot and
issue such new shares
for distribution in the
manner and proportions
aforesaid.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1955.

Doors Dying Of Metal Cancer

Florence, Feb. 24.

The three famous sculptured doors of the
Baptistry here, known to millions of foreign
tourists, are slowly dying of metal cancer.

The ravages of air and dust through more
than 500 years, combined with the gilding
technique used by the Renaissance artists and the
inevitable effects of periodical restoration, are
causing experts grave concern.

Two of the doors are the work of the famous 15th
century sculptor Lorenzo Ghiberti and the third, the
south door, is the work of Andrea Pisano.

Of the three, the most famous
is the east door, known as the
"Door of Paradise," on which
Ghiberti has portrayed the
creation of Adam and Eve and
in the Garden of Eden, the Fall
and the story of nine other out-
standing incidents from Old
Testament history, up to Solo-
mon receiving the Queen of
Sheba.

The other two doors, depict
scenes from the New Testament.

NOTHING CAN BE DONE

Apparently nothing can be
done to save these doors
short of putting them under
glass or removing them to a
museum.

Professor Bruno Boenzi, who
restored the gold coating of the
doors to its original splendour
six years ago, said that it would
be impossible to protect them
by plates of glass, because the
reflections of surrounding build-
ings would prevent them from
being seen properly.

He and his assistants have
given the doors five to six de-
cades' face-lifts each year
since. They have done it with
great care using non-corrosive
chemicals and scraping the sur-
faces as gently as possible.
Still, the gold coating has been
worn thinner and thinner.

But that is not all.
Ghiberti and Pisano used not
pure gold leaf but a mixture of

gold and mercury which gave
the coating a grained and porous
quality.

Professor Boenzi explained
that the air, acting through the
pores, causes chemical changes
in the bronze alloy and forms a
hard black layer between the
gold coating and the bronze,
some three millimetres thick.

He said that a protective
varnish to plug the pores would
prevent the bronze underneath
from "breathing" and cause
slow bursting. Moreover, the
varnish would soon become
opaque and have to be removed
from time to time. This would
still further damage the gold
coating. He rejected a sugges-
tion that he might perhaps
apply a fresh coating of gold.

SCRAPE OFF GOLD

"It would be necessary to
scrape off the gold and the
layer which has gradually
formed underneath in order
to reach the healthy
bronze," he explained. "The
result would be disastrous."

Equally as concerned about
the doors as the experts are the
people of Florence. For they
are among these famous works
of art which bring so many
tourists to their city—tourists
who spend some 16,000 million
lire (about £8,200,000,000, or
25,000,000 dollars) a year here.

—China Mail Special.

Industrial Revolution



The British Government
have announced a ten-year,
£300,000,000 plan to produce
electricity from uranium.

This picture shows one of
the two identical reactors
which are being built at Brit-
ain's first atomic power
station in Cumberland. These
plants will be brought into
operation in the near future
and will use natural uranium
moderated with graphite.
They will be cooled by carbon
dioxide under pressure.—Ex-
press Photo.

JAMAICA IS PLANNING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

300 YEARS SINCE PENN
AND VENABLES LANDED

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 24.

Jamaica is planning island-wide celebrations
this year to mark the 300th anniversary of the
landing of Admiral Penn and General Venables at
Passage Fort, near Kingston, on May 10, 1655.

This landing marked the beginning of British
rule in Jamaica, although the island was not
formally ceded to England by Spain until the
signature of the Treaty of Madrid in 1670. The
Spaniards had taken possession of it in 1509,
fifteen years after its discovery on May 3, 1494, by
Christopher Columbus, who called it St. Iago—St.
James.

This year's celebrations, being held under the
slogan "Jamaica 300," will commemorate 300 years of
progress and development as a member of the family
of the British Commonwealth Nations.

Officially, the tercentenary
began on January 10, with a
great open air all-denominational
religious service on the Kingston
Race Course. But the peak of
the celebrations will not be
reached until May 10, the anni-
versary of the landing of Admiral
Penn and General Venables.

When a mobile carnival will
take to the road and travel
throughout the island, present-
ing historical tableaux and sing-
ing and dancing by leading
Jamaican entertainers.

PROGRESS

In the meantime, there
will be a continuous pro-
gramme of events emphasising
the island's progress in
agriculture, industry, sport
and the arts.

A great agricultural show at
Denbigh, the island's No. 1 show
ground, an industrial exhibition
at Kingston, international
cricket, football, track athletics,
and golf tournaments, and a
National Festival of Art—all

these will figure in the pro-
gramme.

A Jamaican pantomime,
"Anancy and the Magic Mirror,"
based on the local folk legend of
Anancy, the spider man, opened
immediately after Christmas for a run in Kingston.

January events included a
horse show and gymnastics at
Knutsford Park, an orchid ex-
hibition including entries from
many foreign countries, and an
open golf championship.

Sport has an important part
in the programme. Cricket,
rifle-shooting, horse-racing, box-
ing, tennis, track athletics,
swimming, water polo, and foot-
ball are all represented.

But cricket takes pride of
place. For the first time in the
history of the game on the
island, the Australians are com-
ing here. They will play two
Test matches and two Colony
matches on the island between
March and June.

INTER-COLONIAL MATCHES

Trinidad will also visit
Jamaica for an inter-
colonial contest of two
matches in February.

An English football team is
due in May and there will be a
big track athletics meeting in
July, at which Jamaica's track
stars will compete against visit-
ing stars from the United States
and Britain.

Princess Alice, who is Chan-
cellor of the University College
of the West Indies, arrived here
with her husband, the Earl of
Athlone, on January 17 for a
stay of several months.

In May, Jamaica will be host
to a delegation from the
Commonwealth Parliamentary
Association, which will hold its
annual meeting on the island.

Heading the list of shows and
exhibitions will be the big
agricultural show, at Denbigh
on June 8 and 9, which will be
attended by visitors from the
British territories in the Carib-
bean, from the neighbouring re-
publics of Haiti and Cuba,
from Puerto Rico, as well as the
United States, Canada, and
Great Britain.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION

In August, there will be
an industrial exhibition to
match the agricultural show
and to bring home not only
Jamaica but to the visitors
from overseas the progress
which the island has made
in industry.

Preparations have also been
made for a National Festival of
Art to be held during the year,
taking in every parish and in-
cluding all the arts practised on
the island—painting, sculpture,
music, elocution and drama.—
China Mail Special.

More Lepers Found In S'pore Schools

Singapore, Feb. 24.

More than 100 suspected cases
of leprosy had been discovered
among Singapore school children
during the past year.

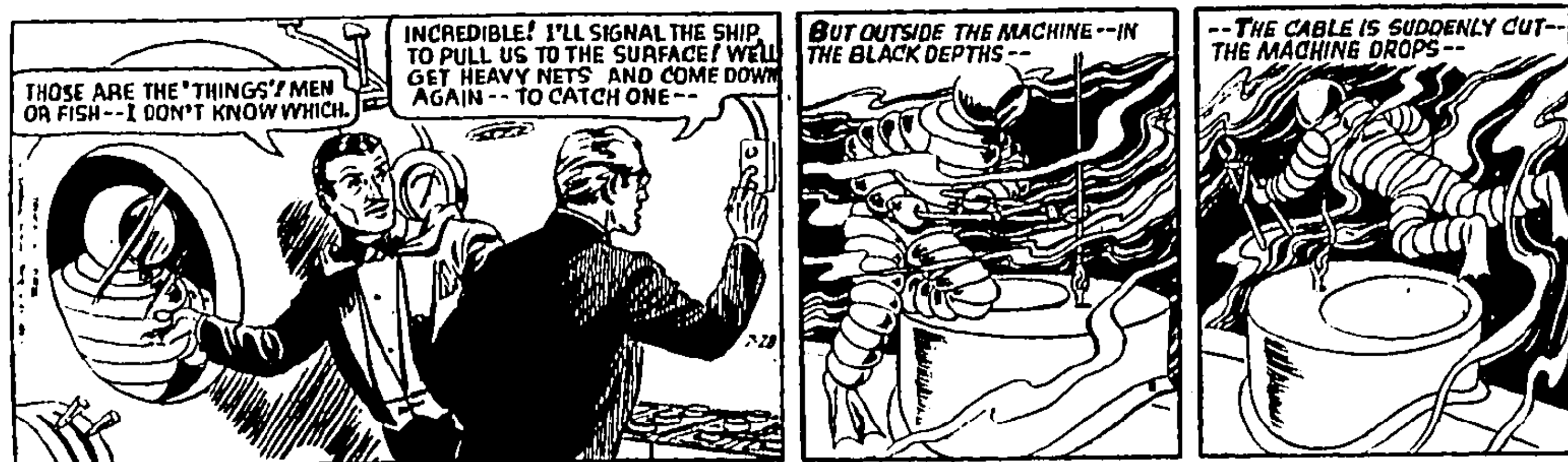
The President of the Singa-
pore Leprosy Relief Association,
Canon R. S. Adams, recently
admitted that there had been
an increase, but added that this
was partly due to the fact that
more cases were being
diagnosed and not concealed as
in the past.

He said that people now
showed a greater readiness to
come forward for treatment as
they began to get over "the old
and unjustified horror" of the
disease.

He stressed that leprosy was
contagious only under prolonged
and intimate contact, and that
new cases, if promptly treated,
could usually be cured.—
France Press.

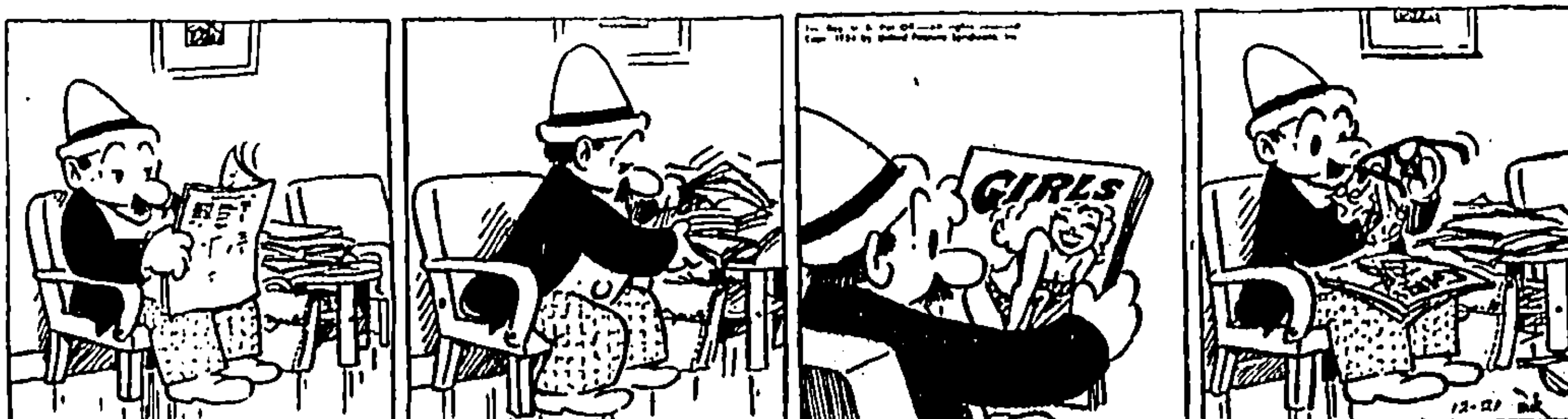
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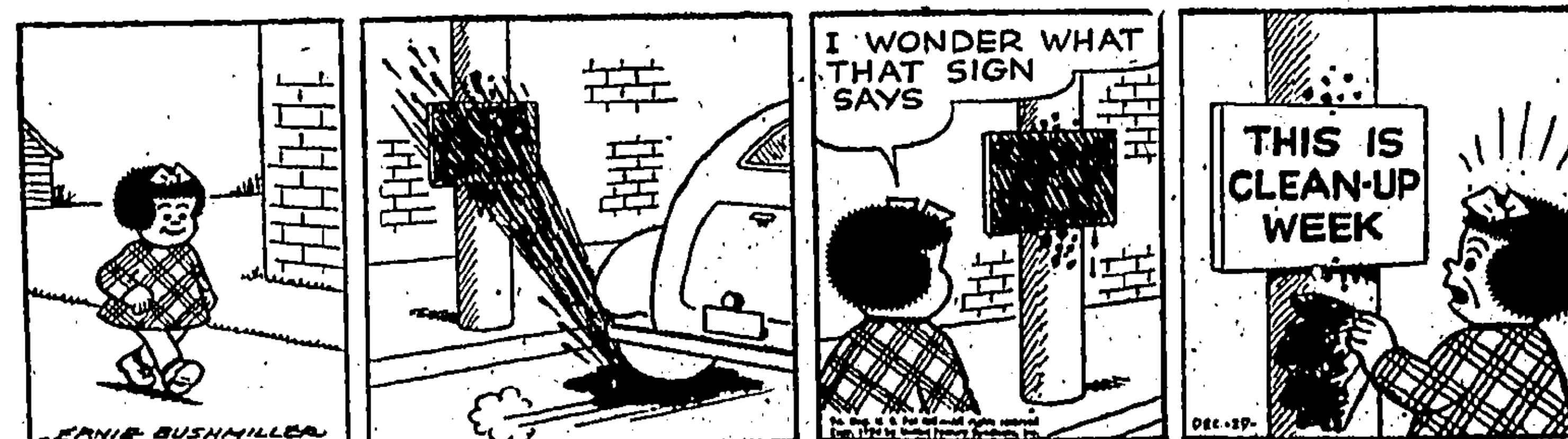
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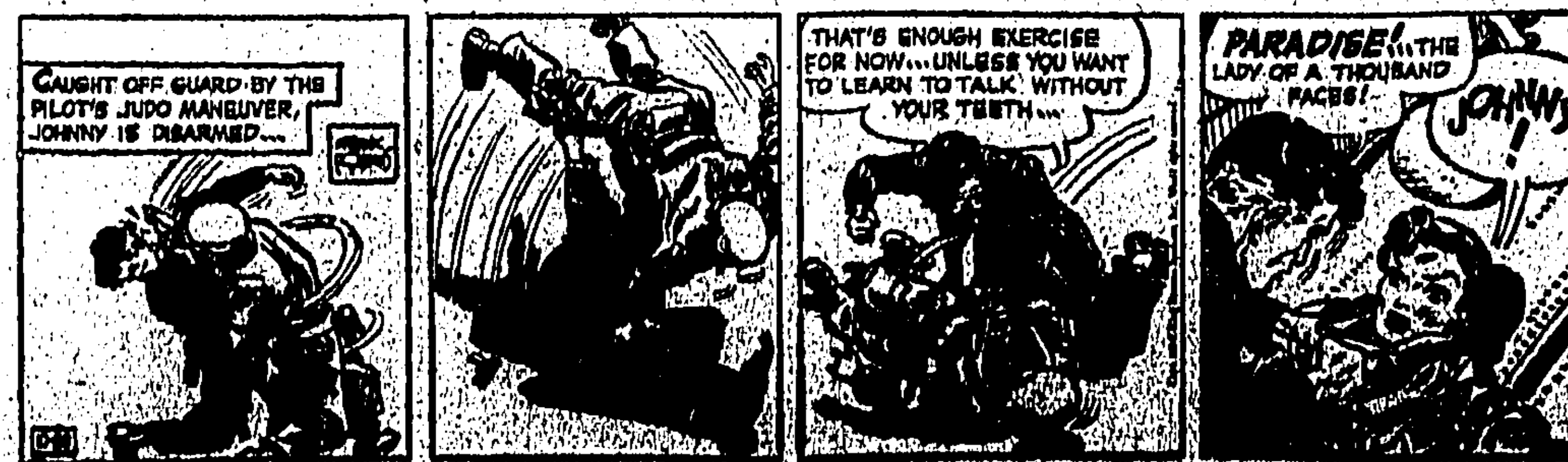
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1955.

Sheaffer's
"SNORKEL"

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Shaun's Quick Trip

IF the song-writers are to be trusted the Irish love Ireland. The Irish, the songs insist, love Ireland for its mountains, its mist, its mothers and its mavourneens—whatever they may be.

If they find it necessary to exile themselves to earn a living, the Irish do not allow anyone to remain for long in doubt about the sacrifice the separation from their motherland involves.

YEARNING

IN London's courts Irishmen are not slow to proclaim their longing to return to their cabins among the mountains and the mist.

Shaun, who pleaded guilty at Marlborough Street to a charge of stealing, was over- come by that yearning. He mentioned the fact after details of some of his 17 previous convictions had been read out to the magistrate, Mr Paul Bennett, VC.

The case was remanded, and when Shaun returned, Mr Charles Morgan, the probation officer, went into the witness-box.

RETURN VISIT

"WHEN he was arrested," Mr Morgan said, "this man had money enough on him for a ticket to Dublin. As he says, he wants to go back to Ireland. I could arrange for him to go tonight."

"I'd like that, sir," Shaun said with bleak enthusiasm. Matters were arranged so Shaun was discharged conditionally, the condition being that he should return that day to Ireland. A ticket was bought with his own money, he was furnished with pocket-money for the journey. He departed.

A fortnight later he was back in the dock. He remembered this man, Mr Morgan began.

"Certainly, I remember him," said Mr Bennett. "I thought he would be in Ireland by now."

"He surrendered here this morning, sir," the probation officer said. "His story is that he went to Ireland but couldn't get a job there, and so came back."

"Where did he get the return fare from?" the magistrate asked.

"I'm very doubtful if he ever went," said Mr Morgan. "You will remember his history, sir. The difficulty is to find anything to say in his favour."

"Excuse me, sir," Shaun broke in, sounding impatient.

LIKE A BIRD

"YES, what do you want to say?" the magistrate asked.

"Concerning me home in Ireland, going back 20 years or so, the place has really gone down, sir, as now I'm rather like a bird—a bird which's lost its nest, sir. There's no home to go back to now, no proper home at all."

"But you're a man of 47. I believe you didn't want to go back."

"If my home was existing."

"In plain English, you didn't want to go back?"

"In plain language, sir," Shaun countered, "I've decided to lead a proper human life and give up drinking which's been my trouble."

"My impression," said the magistrate, "is that you would much rather stay in England and serve a short prison sentence than go back to Ireland. You will go to prison for three months."

"Yes, sir, yes, sir," Shaun said, and he hurried away as if he feared that, if he lingered, minds might be changed and he might find himself once again condemned to return to the mountains and mist of his homeland.

Socialists' Motion Of Censure

London, Feb. 24.

The Parliamentary Labour Party tonight charged Sir Winston Churchill's Government with failing to explain the grave and admitted deficiencies in the weapons of Britain's forces.

It made the accusation in a censure motion put forward for next week's House of Commons debate on the country's defences.

The motion approved earlier today at a private party meeting said the alleged weapon deficiencies were "in spite of the expenditure of some £4,000 million sterling for defence purposes over the past three years."

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Faure's 3 Big Worries

Paris, Feb. 24.

The new French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, will have three big worries when he walks into his government's first cabinet meeting here tomorrow.

But the problems concerning the budget, a settlement for Tunisia, and the Paris accords on German rearmament, will take a back seat, while M. Faure tackles his first immediate tasks of filling in gaps including the vital job of Secretary of State for the Associated States of Indo-China.

The fall of the Pierre Mendes-France government almost three weeks ago left another major task uncompleted. Negotiations with the Tunisian government for home rule were almost concluded when M. Mendes-France was overthrown by the Assembly on his North African policy. M. Faure will work to bring these talks to a successful conclusion.

BIGGEST PROBLEM

Perhaps the biggest problem of all facing the new government is the ratification of the Paris Agreement. After a long and stormy debate these accords were adopted in the Assembly by a relatively small majority. They are now before the Council of the Republic and a vote must be taken there soon.

The change of government has brought a switch of the majority to the right, and the S.C.R. may now replace the Conservative Senators as obstacle-makers.

M. Faure will do his utmost to have the Paris accords ratified as they stand by the Upper House.

If the Socialist Senators managed to have any amendments adopted, the Assembly would be called on to hold another debate. This would mean further delay in the ratification and another debate on this controversial issue. Two things, the Premier would like to avoid at all costs. —France.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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Seventh Fleet Not Committed To Aid Nanchi Island

Washington, Feb. 25.

Defence Department officials said today the United States Seventh Fleet was not committed to help the Chinese Nationalists defend or evacuate Nanchi islands, Formosa's northernmost outpost, now expected to fall into Communist hands.

Reports from the "vest pocket" war zone of a steady buildup of Communist air power on mainland bases within easy striking distance of Nanchi forced Washington officials to anticipate the loss of the exposed island, despite declared Nationalist intentions to defend it.

All civilians on Nanchi, about 140 miles north of Formosa and only 25 miles from the China coast, were reported yesterday to have been removed by Nationalist ships.

A Defence Department spokesman said it necessary these same ships could be used to take off the estimated 5,000 regular and guerrilla forces remaining, and there was therefore no need to use the United States Fleet as was done in the recent large-scale evacuation of the Tachen islands 80 miles further north.

No responsible official here has ever claimed that retention of the island was essential to the security of Formosa and the nearby Pescadore Islands. The United States is committed to defend against invasion.

Since the Communist Chinese occupation of the Tachens, military authorities have been convinced that the Nationalists could not hold Nanchi against any determined enemy attack by air and sea.

CHANG TOLD VIEWS

His views are known to have been presented to the Nationalist General Chiang Kai-shek, who had been pressing for the help of the Seventh Fleet in the island's defence. Such a commitment was not forthcoming.

On Formosa, the Defence Ministry took issue with widespread reports that early last week, denying that there was any evacuation plan. In Washington, the State Department spokesman, Mr Henry Stuydam, yesterday also denied reports that the United States had suggested a withdrawal.

The anticipated loss of Nanchi has focused renewed attention on the United States position regarding the defence of the Nationalist-held offshore islands of Matsi and Quemoy, on the invasion routes to Formosa.

CONGRESS COMPLAINS

In Congress there were some demands that the Eisenhower administration remove its doubts about United States intentions by publicly declaring that Quemoy and Matsi would be defended.

The Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, Mr James Richards, complained that although he understood from the administration that the islands would be defended, the State Department was not allowing the Congress to

suppose that the United States was open to negotiation on them.

But other members, including the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Walter George, said they had received no clear cut impression that a decision to hold the two islands had been made. —Reuter.

The lots resumed are Nos 8, 9, and 11 S.C.R.P. in Demarcation District No. 441; Nos 300, 346 (portion only), 471 (portion only), and 881 R.P. in Demarcation District No. 445; Nos 1858 and 1859 in Demarcation District No. 449; Nos 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 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